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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I am an older citizen. We have a gas bill and an electric bill. Please do not increase the electric rates. It seems that with every bill we get, it increases every month. I am sure the hierarchy of Duke Power are making plenty of money now to live much, much better than me and my husband. Please give the "little people" a break with the bills. None of us, me included, are and probably never will be "rich", but we need a fighting chance to exist comfortably with our bills. Thank You

Sincerely,
Linda Brinson

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